



## National Transportation Safety Board

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Office of the Chairman

Richard H. Hobbie III  
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Board of Commissioners of Pilots  
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Dear Mr. Hobbie:


Thank you for your letter of June 14, 2007, regarding the National Transportation Safety Board's press release on the M/V *New Delhi Express* accident. Your letter will be entered into the public docket for the accident investigation. The Safety Board appreciates your interest in the accident and acknowledges the history of the Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the State of New York in supporting the bridge resource management safety recommendations that have resulted from previous Safety Board investigations.

In the course of the *New Delhi Express* investigation, the Safety Board, through its party system, contacted the pilot associations representing the two pilots and received confirmation that both pilots had received bridge resource management training. The published brief report details the breakdown in bridge resource management that the Safety Board determined as contributing to the accident. The brief has been posted on the Board's website. The Safety Board will also supply you with a CD of the accident docket for your information. Please feel free to contact Captain James H. Scheffer at (202)-314-6459 or [scheffj@ntsb.gov](mailto:scheffj@ntsb.gov) with any questions.

As to your request that the Safety Board revise its press release, I agree that the quote does not accurately reflect what the Board intended to convey. Therefore, the Safety Board has changed the first sentence of the quote ("This accident could have been prevented if previously issued safety recommendations regarding bridge resource management had been implemented") to the following: "This accident could have been prevented if the pilots on the vessel had exercised proper bridge resource management." The quotation has also been changed in the press release that is posted on the Board's website.

The Safety Board acknowledges its longstanding professional relationship with the State pilot commissions and looks forward to continued cooperation with your commission in promoting marine safety.

Sincerely,



Mark V. Rosenker  
Chairman